

Investigating the Structures of Paramagnetic Aggregates from Colloidal Emulsions-2, -3 (InSPACE-2, -3)



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Objective:

- Visually study the gelation transition in magneto-rheological (MR) fluids under steady and pulsed magnetic fields.
- InSPACE-2 will continue the InSPACE-1 studies to determine the lowest energy configurations of the three dimensional structures of a MR fluid in a pulsed magnetic field.
- InSPACE-3 will investigate anisotropic MR samples with potentially stronger planar crystalline structures.

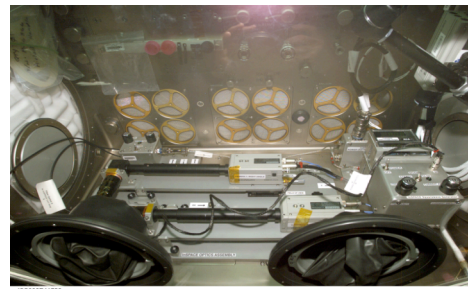
Relevance/Impact:

- MR fluids are a class of smart materials capable of changing visco-elastic properties. Microgravity data of the internal particle structure and dynamics will provide an assessment of the viscous-elastic properties. These objectives improve limb and dextrous motion in robotic components and human-robotic interfaces for EVA suits.

Development Approach:

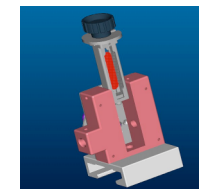
- Using the hardware from InSPACE-1 already on ISS, InSPACE-2 will visually study new samples to meet the above objectives. An improved cell design will be used for imaging of the resulting aggregate structures. The new cells are dimensionally very thin in one direction reducing the optical thickness, hence providing enhanced viewing. A new coil is also provided that allows the substitution of multiple samples in two orthogonal orientations for alternate views.
- InSPACE-2 hardware consists of 1 primary Coil Assembly and 1 backup Coil Assembly, 4 vial assemblies and 4 backups.

InSPACE in MSG

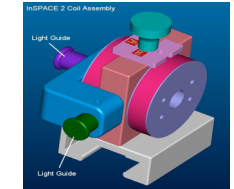


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Knob for Crew Handling



Vial Assembly



Coil Assembly

ISS Resource Requirements

Accommodation (carrier)	Microgravity Science Glovebox
Upmass (kg) (w/o packing factor)	3.57
Volume (m ³) (w/o packing factor)	0.011
Power (kw) (peak)	0.030
Crew Time (hrs) (installation/operations)	14 (~2.5hr./sample)
Launch/Increment	10A/20A - Middeck w/L-48hrs. late stowage

Project Life Cycle Schedule

Milestones	SCR	RDR	CDR	Safety	Bench Review	Pre-Ship Review	FHA	Launch	Ops	Return	Final Report
InSPACE-2				3/14/2007	9/12/2007	8/24/2007	10/11/2007	10/13/2007	Inc.17/18	2008	2009
InSPACE-3		12/08	2/09	6/09	10/09	9/09	12/09	12/09	TBD	TBD	TBD
Documentation	Website: eRoom:				SRD: EDMP:			Project Plan: SEMP:			

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